



# BOUNCINGS



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**2014 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

Inter Blue	<b>0</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	<b>6</b>	The Odeum 6 February 2015

## Byki get the W, climb out of cellar

It was all smiles and laughter in the Byki locker room for a change, and why not, following a 6:0 whitewash of Chicago Inter Blue on February 6. The long winter finally brought some joy to the Byki, who won for the first time this season. The victory moved the Byki into 11th place out of 12 teams in the 1st Division's Red Section, so there is still quite a bit of work to do to get the team into the top six and assure a place in the 1st Division for next season.

"It was a complete effort for our team, front to back," noted coach George Gorecki. "We had to juggle our lineup a bit due to a couple of late scratches and the guys did a fantastic job maintaining their teamwork."

It was encouraging to see the Byki whip up on an inferior opponent. All too often, the Byki have found a way to play down to the level of the competition. The final score was certainly an accurate indicator of the difference between the sides. In fact, the margin would have been much larger if not for some spectacular goalkeeping from Inter's netminder.

The Byki opened the scoring with 7:59 left in the first half. Miles Marmo came out with the ball after shedding a challenge from a defender and slipped a pass to Jordan Stopka, who was unmarked in the box. Stopka made a quick turn and slid the ball under the keeper.

With 4:40 to go, Brendan Flynn and Ben Rodriguez worked a 2 v 2 situation. Flynn dished to Rodriguez, who was sandwiched in the corner to the keeper's right by two Inter defenders. He somehow squeezed through the space and got off a shot that found a path between the keeper's legs for a 2:0 lead.

The Byki kept pouring it on. Alen Mehagic lowered the boom with a blast from the left wing and the keeper did well to stick out a leg to deflect the ball. With 1:55 to go, Flynn made a forceful run through the middle. The goalkeeper blocked the shot and Flynn was then dropped in the box going for the rebound. The referees awarded a penalty kick and Stopka calmly fired into the back of the net to send the Byki into the break ahead 3:0.

There was no let-up in the second half. Stopka smashed a pass off the back boards for Flynn in the middle of the penalty area. Flynn beat everyone but the crossbar. Moments later, Stopka intercepted a pass in the Inter end of the field and executed a give-and-go with Marmo. The goalie blocked the point-blank attempt and then followed up by stoning Mehagic on the rebound.

With 12:32 left, Percy Pineda sneaked inside after a run along the right wing and was denied by a timely kick save. Just 0:58 later, Pineda and Stopka engineered a spectacular give-and-go, ending with Pineda's pass through the eye of the needle to Stopka, who made easy work to cap off his hat trick.

The score swelled to 5:0 with 10:38 left. Ben Rodriguez intercepted a weak pass and accelerated to goal. His shot deflected to Marmo, who was all by himself in the area. The striker buried the gift for his third goal of the season.

The Byki put a cherry on top of the cake with 7:42 to go. The Inter keeper blocked Flynn's attempt with an outstretched leg and the rebound landed at Cyril Zachariah's feet. Zachariah gave it right back to Flynn, who danced and dazzled his way through the Inter defense. Flynn capped off his solo run by wrong-footing the goalie from 10 yards.

There was nothing left for the Byki but to preserve the shutout. Their combination of patient defending and timely goalkeeping from Ben Beard made certain that Inter would not dent the scoreboard.

**BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1):** Beard – J. Rodriguez – Mehagic, Zachariah, Stopka – Flynn. **Bench:** Champagne, Marmo, Pineda, B. Rodriguez.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Stopka 1 (Marmo); 11:01.  
0:2 – B. Rodriguez 2 (Flynn); 14:20.  
0:3 – Stopka 2 (pk); 17:31.  
0:4 – Stopka 3 (Pineda); 26:26  
0:5 – Marmo 3 (B. Rodriguez); 27:22.  
0:6 – Flynn 1 (Zachariah); 30:18

**Byki Man of the Match:** Jordan Stopka



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Byki O-30	<b>3</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
RWB Adria	<b>9</b>	
		The Odeum 6 February 2015

## Adria flex muscles, Byki crumble

What had been a closely contested match between the Byki Over 30s and RWB Adria on February 6 turned into an easy 9:3 victory for Adria. The teams had been trading goals in the second half, and the Byki only trailed 5:3. But Adria did what they typically do, blitzing the Byki for four unanswered tallies in the final five minutes.

Player-coach Dan Jedrzejowski crafted a solid game plan and the players responded with a display of tactical discipline that kept the Byki competitive. Where the Byki were lacking was finding a way to answer the Adria knockout punch.

Adria struck first after only 1:45, converting a 3 v 2 situation. Goalkeeper Joe Meadow blocked a shot while in a prone position, and was powerless to do anything about the rebound.

That poor start for the Byki might have been an omen that preceded disaster, but the Byki held things together. Early on, Adria tried the tactic of leaving a striker hanging around in the Byki end in the role of cherry picker. When the Byki displayed patient ball possession, the Adria striker eventually drifted back to play some defense, nullifying the stretching strategy.

Midway through the first half, Adria doubled their lead, shortly after the Byki had killed off a power play. An Adria player twisted his way through the Byki defense. Meadow stopped the shot at the near post, but the rebound went back to the same player, who sent the ball into the back of the net.

The best chance for the Byki came when Sergio Benavides intercepted an errant pass in the Adria end of the field. He fired immediately and the keeper did well to deflect the ball away.

Meadow came up with a massive save in the dying moments of the half. Adria worked a 3 v 2 counterattack and the final pass found the unmarked player waiting at the far post. Meadow got there first and smothered the shot.

While the first half produced only a handful of clear scoring chances, the second half was an avalanche of goals, as the teams combined to score six goals in the first 11 minutes. Adria upped the lead to 3:0 after just 0:37, but the Byki replied a minute later when Maciek Kekus set up Marek Ciszewski for his sixth goal of the season.

Adria made it 4:1 at the 3:42 mark following a corner kick. The ball was loose in front of the Byki goal and was eventually smashed home at the far post.

After Meadow stoned an Adria player trying to convert a 2 v 1 counterattack, the Byki responded with a terrific goal. An Adria player blocked Cyril Zachariah's shot from the top of the box and the loose ball wound up with Kekus. He timed a delicate volley across the face of goal for Benavides, whose diving header made it 4:2.

Adria upped their lead to 5:2 with 10:14 left in the match. A counterattack led to a pass in the deep right corner. The Adria player knocked the ball off the boards and the crazy bounce led to an open header at the far post.

The Byki got that one back with 7:25 to go. Chris Hurley fired a shot off the right-wing boards, finding Ciszewski unmarked at the far post. Adria's goalie made a spectacular save on Ciszewski's shot, but Ciszewski nodded the rebound home.

From that point forward, tactical discipline was out the window, as Adria found a higher gear and the Byki found themselves a step behind. Adria's rate of conversion demonstrated their surgical precision and it became obvious why very few teams can touch them at this level. All four of their goals to close out the game came as a result of the Byki failing to hold their marks. The Byki were good at containment in the first half, but were simply a step behind at every turn in those final five minutes.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Meadow – Jedrzejowski, Hurley – Ciszewski, Kekus – Benavides. **Bench:** Banbor, Champagne, Guzman, Melendez, Zachariah.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:3 – Ciszewski 6 (Kekus); 20:37.

2:4 – Benavides 6 (Kekus); 25:35.

3:5 – Kekus 6 (Hurley); 30:35.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given.

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	7	1	8	Kekus	6	4	10
Roth	2	3	5	Champagne	7	2	9
Marmo	3	1	4	Benavides	6	2	8
Rodriguez, B	2	2	4	Ciszewski	6	1	7
Stopka	3	0	3	Hurley	2	3	5
Rodriguez, C	2	0	2	Najera	2	0	2
Flynn	1	1	2	Melenderz	0	2	2
Sauerman	1	1	2	Rodriguez, J	0	2	2
Champagne	0	2	2	Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Ramirez	0	1	1
Zudic	1	0	1	Team goals	1	x	x
Meadow	0	1	1				
Pineda	0	1	1	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1	Najera	76	6	3.00
Zachariah	0	1	1	Meadow	266	50	7.14
				Current record: 1-1-7			
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>				
Beard	76	3	1.50				
Najera	76	9	4.50				
Meadow	228	30	5.00				
Current record: 1-1-8							

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	9	8	1	0	38	17	25	RWB Adria	8	8	0	0	55	16	24
AAC Winged Bull	10	3	2	5	30	44	11	Chicago Stars	9	5	3	1	37	27	18
Tricycles SC A	10	3	1	6	22	42	10	Chicago Fire U-23	9	5	2	2	33	21	17
CKS Warta A	9	3	1	5	29	28	10	SAC Wisla A	9	2	2	5	32	32	8
Bosnia i Hercegovina	9	3	0	6	26	39	9	Berber Stars	9	1	0	8	21	47	3
Lancer SC	9	2	2	5	27	37	8								

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	10	9	0	1	50	22	27	Gremio FC	10	7	2	1	46	29	23
SAC Wisla B	10	8	0	2	74	26	24	Albania FC	10	7	1	2	61	32	22
Assyrian FC	10	7	0	3	63	34	21	FC Tryzub	10	7	1	2	58	31	22
FC Kosova	10	6	1	3	47	30	19	Dabrovia	10	6	2	2	58	26	20
Jagiellonia Chicago	10	6	1	3	52	30	19	Stal Mielec	10	5	3	2	44	33	18
HNK Primorac	10	5	1	4	37	37	16	Chicago Dynasty FC	10	4	4	2	36	28	16
Wisloka Chicago	10	4	2	4	37	38	14	Olympiacos Chicago	10	5	1	4	29	28	16
Bosnia United	10	4	1	5	39	51	13	Los Chasquis	10	4	2	4	38	37	14
SC Krajina-Chicago	10	3	1	6	30	76	10	FC Goon Squad	10	3	3	4	34	44	12
Tricycles SC B	10	2	0	8	26	63	6	Chicago Inter Blue	10	1	1	8	18	55	4
Stare Byki FC	10	1	1	8	23	42	4	ANCI Niniveh FC	10	1	0	9	19	60	3
Chicago Inter Yellow	10	1	0	9	26	61	3	Chicago Blast U-18	10	0	0	10	19	51	0

## PSLC OVER 30 DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	9	9	0	0	73	27	27
Chicago Rangers FC	9	6	1	2	43	51	19
Levski Chicago 2014	9	4	1	4	47	40	13
Torino FC	9	3	2	4	31	37	11
Romania SC	9	1	1	7	32	45	4
Stare Byki FC	9	1	1	7	30	56	4